

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Feb. 27, 2023

Contact: Emma Morgan  
602-452-3130

## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR OPENINGS ON SUPERIOR COURT IN MARICOPA COUNTY**

PHOENIX - The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended 12 candidates to Gov. Katie Hobbs for four openings on the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

The nominees for the openings created by the appointment of Judge Daniel J. Kiley to Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals and three seats vacated by Judges Rusty D. Crandell, Stephen M. Hopkins, and Howard D. Sukenic are:

- **Christian J. Bell**, Democrat, of Peoria, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Michelle Carson**, Democrat, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Marischa H. Gilla**, Republican, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Gregory J. Gnepper**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Melody G. Harmon**, Democrat, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Amy M. Kalman**, Democrat, of Tempe, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Steven W. McCarthy**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Colleen E. O'Donnell-Smith**, Democrat, of Phoenix, Unit Chief Counsel of the Civil and Criminal Litigation and Advice section at the Arizona Attorney General's Office.
- **Brian J. Palmer**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Suzanne J. Reed**, Democrat, of Phoenix, Staff Attorney at the Arizona Supreme Court.
- **Annielaurie Van Wie**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Melissa M. Zabor**, Democrat, of Tempe, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

Gov. Hobbs will make the appointments.